



**CLAIRE'S COURT
SENIOR BOYS**

Weekly Bulletin

22 NOVEMBER 2024 (AUTUMN TERM WEEK 10)

FROM THE OFFICE

Parking outside school

May we **politely ask that for the safety of our pupils you do not wait on the double yellow lines at the crossroads** of Ray Mill Road East and Ray Park Avenue. The double yellow lines are there to ensure visibility is maintained at this dangerous junction thereby keeping both pedestrians and drivers safe.

Additionally, our coach drivers have requested that cars **do not stop or wait on the zig zag lines outside school or opposite the school gate** as this makes it very difficult for the coaches to manoeuvre into and leave the site.

Thank you for your support in keeping our pupils and school safe.

Spring Term After School Programme - booking opens 9am Monday 25 November

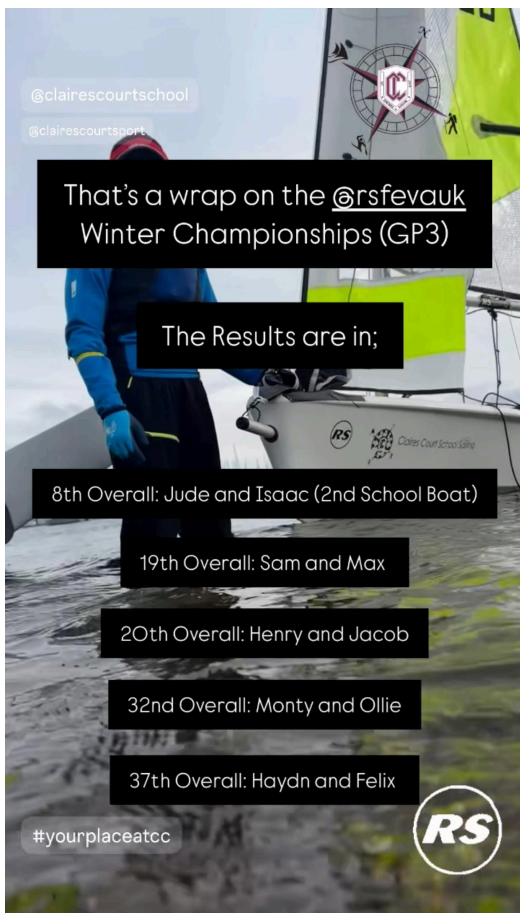
Our [activities website](#) provides parents with all the necessary information surrounding the before & after school programme. Parents will require their parent Report Portal login details in order to book their child into activities, study or going home. A choice needs to be made for each day of the week please. Booking **opens 9am Monday 25 November** (but the activities are now visible on our [webpage](#)) and close **on Friday 29 November**. A brief guide to show how to book can be found in the [Activities Guide](#). Please direct any enquiries to activities@clairescourt.net.

Senior Boys Whole School Photograph

As the holiday season approaches we wanted to remind you of a wonderful opportunity to order a keepsake of the Senior Boys School photograph taken earlier this year. This special photograph offers a lasting memory of your son's time at Senior Boys and the friendships he's made along the way. You can view the photograph and place your order [online](#) and all orders will be shipped directly to your home (postage and packaging apply). To ensure your photograph arrives in time for the festive period, please place your order by Sunday 1 December.

A successful weekend for the Sailing Department

Last weekend saw 10 sailors take part in a series of eight races held in the 2012 Olympic Sailing Venue at Weymouth. Results are shown below and full results can be found [here](#). The Sailing staff are very proud of all the sailors, and a special shout out to Oliver R (Year 9) who stepped in as a SUB at his first ever sailing event, and smashed it.



Year 7 Tech Club

The Year 7 Design and Technology after school club has been working on redesigning products using waste materials and scraps to help the environment this term. The boys have been hard at work recycling waste pallets to make into planters that they have designed, for the Eco Club to use to improve the flower beds around the Senior Boys school.



New, news, news!

Take a look here..... <https://bit.ly/40ggNjs> at our fantastic media wall on the school website where we collate all the stories from across the school. There are stories from Instagram, Facebook and Twitter plus photo albums from Flickr which can all be filtered by year group/activity/event.

Coach transport available for home to school travel

We have capacity on some of our routes for travel in January 2025 to the end of the summer term. If you would like to enquire about costs or availability, please visit [Vectare](#), our transport partner, or contact Vectare directly via clairescourt@vectare.co.uk with any questions.

Rewards and Sanctions weekly email

The weekly Rewards and Sanctions email was sent out yesterday from your son's form tutor, please look out for its safe receipt and check your spam/junk folder if you do not receive it.

Principal's Blog

Read Mr Wilding's Blog for this week: ["When dark clouds gather, be the silver lining and shine"](#)

CHRISTMAS NEWS

Deck the Halls with our Christmas Trees! 🎄 **DEADLINE TO ORDER THIS TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER**

Get your Christmas tree and support the Claires Court Boat Club's fundraising efforts this festive season! Trees are very reasonably priced and are fantastic quality

- **How to Order:** Visit our [PTA website](#) and **order by Tuesday 26 November**
- **Pick-up:** Saturday 7 December 10am-12pm from the Senior Boys school, where you'll be able to enjoy mince pies and mulled wine when you collect your tree!

Christmas Lunch - **OPT-OUT BY 1 DECEMBER**

Christmas Lunch will be served on Friday 6 December. The assumption is that all boys will have a Christmas Lunch and you will automatically be charged £6 UNLESS YOU OPT OUT BY 1 DECEMBER by completing this form - [Christmas Lunch 2024 Senior Boys](#). Please note there will be no other meals available this day, so boys should bring their own packed lunch if they opt-out.



Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 6 December

Spread some festive cheer by wearing a Christmas jumper on Christmas Lunch Day! Boys are invited to wear a festive jumper on Friday 6 December with their normal school uniform for a £2 donation to Save the Children payable via the Payment Portal or cash on the day handed into their Form Tutor. Thank you for your continued support of our charitable initiatives.



Save the Children

Christmas Jumper Day

is coming. Be part of it!

Where Claires Court Senior Boys

When Friday 6 December 2024

Other details

Wear a festive Christmas Jumper with your school uniform for a £2 donation via the Payment Portal or cash to your Form Tutor

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Christmas Hampers - donations by 6 December please

We are once again asking for non-perishable food donations for our [Christmas Hamper Collection](#). Your son's form tutor will allocate him an item or two from the list, so that each hamper has a good mix of items. Hampers will be distributed to St Luke's Church and local families in need, and food items not in hampers will be delivered to Maidenhead Foodshare. Please bring items into school between 25 November - 6 December. There will be a competition for the best dressed hamper!



St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival 6 - 8 December

Claire's Court Senior Boys will once again be decorating a tree at the [St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival](#). Please pop along over the weekend of 6-8 December (Norfolk Road SL6 7AX) to view all the decorated trees on display (times shown below) and vote for your favourite, which will obviously be the Senior Boys tree! Voting tokens can be purchased in advance or on the door (£5 for a bag of 10) and donations can be made in the church or [online](#) in aid of Thames Valley Heartbeat and St Luke's Church. You will also be able to view the trees online [here](#).

- Friday 6 December 10am - 7pm
- Saturday 7 December 10am - 7pm
- Sunday 8 December midday - 6pm, with 'Christmas Tree' service at 6pm



Copas PTA Fundraiser

Order an award-winning [turkey from Copas](#) and raise funds for Claire's Court School. Simply enter the code CCM24PTA at the checkout and Copas Turkeys will donate 5% of your order value to the school PTA.

FORTHCOMING DIARY DATES

ALL YEAR GROUPS

SOLD OUT PTA Quiz Night - 6-8pm Friday 29 November

Please note the bar is Card Payment only, bring your own food or order in. Mrs O'Clee and Mr Richards look forward to seeing you for their annual quiz in the Hall at College Avenue SL6 6AW. A reminder to please pay via the Portal asap if you have booked but not paid for your tickets.

Seniors Carol Service - Wednesday 11 December

Parents are invited to attend our Seniors Carol Service at St Luke's Church, Norfolk Road, Maidenhead SL6 7AX for the following services:

- 10am Years 7-9
- 11.30am Years 10-11

YEAR 7 ONLY

Winchester Science Centre Trip - Monday 25 November

As a finale to Space Week Year 7 will be going to the [Winchester Science Centre](#) on Monday 25 November. The trip will take place within the normal school day timings, so pupils should be dropped at school at the usual time and usual collection arrangements apply as pupils will be returning to school by 4pm. Pupils should wear school uniform, bring a nut-free packed lunch and drinks, plus a small amount of money if desired.

Christmas Tree Decorations - deadline 4 December

As you will have read above, Senior Boys will be decorating a tree at the St Luke's Christmas Tree Festival and the tradition is for our Year 7 boys to decorate our tree. Claires Court Juniors, Senior Girls and Sixth Form will also be decorating a tree and the viewing public will vote for their favourite, so we want ours to stand out from the crowd and impress! The theme the boys have chosen this year is '**The Simpson's Christmas**' so please encourage your son to get creative and make a tree decoration with this theme in mind....the more pzazz the better! This should be brought into school w/c 2 December and by Wednesday 4 December when a small selection of boys will visit the church to decorate our tree.



YEAR 8 ONLY

B8 Parents' Evening Feedback

Thank you to those who have already completed the [Year 8 Parents' Evening Feedback Form](#). We value your thoughts on how the new format worked and will use your feedback to shape and improve future evenings. If you haven't completed the form and wish to, please do so by 29 November to ensure your opinions are included in the evaluation.

YEAR 9 ONLY

B9 Options Information Evening - Thursday 5 December

The GCSE Options Information Evening will be held virtually from 6.30pm - 7.30pm on Thursday 5 December and further information will be shared next week.

YEAR 10 ONLY

B10 Parents' Evening

Thank you to those who have already completed the [Year 10 Parents' Evening Feedback Form](#). We value your thoughts on how the new format worked and will use your feedback to shape and improve future evenings. If you haven't completed the form and wish to, please do so by 29 November to ensure your opinions are included in the evaluation.

YEAR 11 ONLY

Post-Mocks Movie Night - Friday 29 November - Senior Girls

If your son would like to attend the post-mock movie night on Friday 29 November please complete this [form](#) by **Tuesday 26 November**. The evening takes place from 4.30pm until approx 6.30pm (depending on the length of the movie) in The Chapel at Senior Girls and a bus will be arranged to take the boys there.

B11 Subject Drop-in Sessions

Year 11 teachers will be running weekly drop-in sessions according to this [timetable](#), so if your son has any questions that arise from his revision or requires help in these subjects please encourage him to come along and make the most of this resource.

DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

Root of the Week

A reminder about 'Root of the Week' where pupils learn one new word root and its meaning each week, along with examples of words containing that root in an attempt to increase vocabulary and comprehension.

- The root this week was '**Semi**' meaning '**half**'
- Example words: semicircle, semi-skimmed, semitone

Semi

Origin: Latin

Meaning: Half

Examples:

Semicircle

Semi-skimmed

Semitone

Linguists of the Week

In Spanish for great results on their first CT:

Jonah V, Zac A, Ollie W, Tom A, Santiago P, Freddie H, Alessio R, Xavier T-O, Louis B, Rushil H, Kody H, Harrison M, Will W

Mathematicians of the Week

Year 7 - Jake M

Year 8 - Nathaniel W

Year 9 - Toby W

Year 10 - Daniel B, Gabe W-R

Scientists of the Week

Year 9 - Aaron R for showing incredible determination in trying to solve a really tricky Physics question

Year 9 - Laurence M for amazing knowledge of the induced fit hypothesis in Biology

Year 10 - Jack L and Tudor S for brilliant Ohm's law calculations

Year 10 - Jacob S for an excellent piece of homework on metal extraction

GENERAL INFORMATION

Term Time Absence

Please see our [Attendance and Holidays in Term Time Policy](#) noting that absence for holidays is not encouraged during term time and will not normally be authorised for the first or last week of any term. If you do wish the headteacher to review a request please complete the [Request for Term Time Absence Form](#).

Sickness Absence

Please report all absences daily to the school office before 9.30am either via the [Report Portal](#) (accessible via the Parents page of our [website](#)), by email to seniorboys@clairescourt.com or 01628 327600.

Medical/Dental Appointments

Please notify the school office at least 24 hours prior to the appointment via email to seniorboys@clairescourt.com. We would also ask where possible that appointments are made outside of school hours or during school holidays.

Leaving School / Returning to School during the School Day

If you are collecting your son for an appointment during the school day, he should wait in reception at the allotted time. When you have arrived outside to pick him up, please call the school on 01628 327600 and we will sign him out and send him out to you. Pupils are not permitted to wait outside or use their phones in reception. When your son returns to school, he must sign in at reception before going to lessons so that we know he is back in school.

Illness and Games afternoons

If your son is unable to play sport, he is expected to accompany his year group to games and will be given an alternative role. Permission for non-attendance at games afternoons can only be signed off by the nurses (Medical-CC@clairescourt.net) or the Director of Sport, Mr Carter (sic@clairescourt.net).

Medication

Any medication should be handed into the school accompanied by the [CC Administration of Medicine Request Form](#) for nurses to administer.

School Calendar

Please check our [online school calendar](#) to see up-to-date information about events happening throughout the term.

Claires Court SchoolTV

Please take a look at [Claires Court SchoolTV](#), a wellbeing resource to support you in the challenges relating to modern-day parenting. It aims to help build relationships, foster connections, enable understanding and break down barriers to navigate a pathway towards better mental health and wellbeing for young people.

